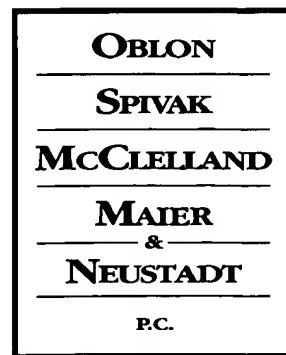




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Applicants: Hisashi YAJIMA, et al.
Filing Date: October 24, 2003
For: MAGNETIC DAMPER AND ACTUATOR HAVING
THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 2832
Examiner: Ramon M. BARRERA

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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The Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter included on page 3 of the Office Action mailed April 9, 2004, characterizes the invention in terms of "the operating element and braking plate can adsorb each other by a magnetic force." Applicant respectfully asserts, however, that none of Claims 6-8 and 10-14 recite "the operating element and braking plate can adsorb each other by a magnetic force." Therefore, the statement mischaracterizes the invention in terms inconsistent with the actual claim language.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner's statement is
understood not to apply to Claims 6-8 and 10-14.

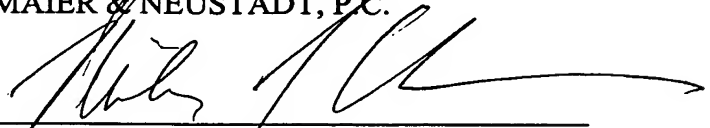
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